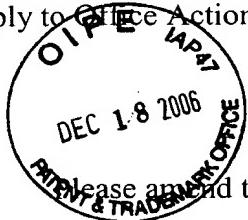


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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

Page 1, line 1, replace "DESCRIPTION" with --TITLE OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 4, line 25, replace "" with --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 7, line 6, replace "BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION"  
with --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

Please replace the paragraph from page 17, line 22 to page 18, line 6 with the  
following rewritten paragraph:

--Specifically, 300 µl of a first reagent, a 50 mM MES buffer (pH 6.5) containing 0.005% (40 µM) digitonin, was added to 3 µl of the samples. After 5 minutes, 100 µl of a cholesterol determination reagent (a second reagent), which is a 50 mM phosphate buffer (pH 6.5) containing 1% EMULGEN B-66, 1 U/ml cholesterol esterase, 1 U/ml cholesterol oxidase, 5 U/ml peroxidase, 0.04% disulfobutyl-m-toluidine, and 0.004% 4-aminoantipyrine, was added.--

Please replace the Abstract with the substitute Abstract attached hereto.